

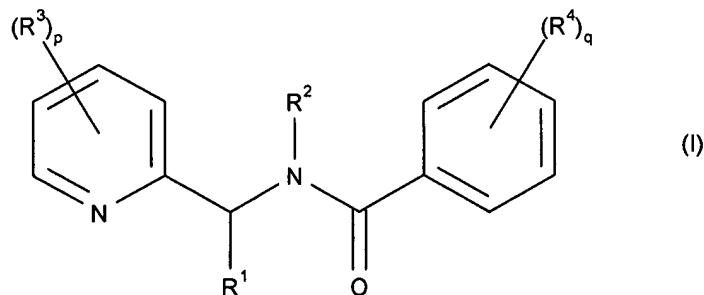
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fungicidal composition comprising:
 - a) a pyridylmethylbenzamide derivative of general formula (I)



in which:

- R¹ may be a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group or an optionally substituted acyl group;
- R² may be a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group;
- R³ and R⁴ may be chosen independently from each other as being a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, -Sfs -SF_s, a trialkylsilyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an acyl group, or a group E, OE or SE, in which E may be an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl or a heterocyclyl group each of which may optionally be substituted;

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-p represents 0,1,2,3 or 4;

-q represents 0,1,2,3 or 4; and its agriculturally acceptable optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and addition salts with an acid or a base; and

b) a chloronitrile derivative which is chlorothalonil; in a compound (1)/chlorothalonil weight ratio of from 0.005 to 1.

2. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 1, characterised in that wherein R¹ and R² are chosen independently selected from each other as being group consisting of a hydrogen atom or and an optionally substituted alkyl group.

3. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 2, characterised in that wherein the optionally substituted alkyl group is a methyl group or an ethyl group.

4. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 2, characterised in that wherein R¹ and R² are both hydrogen atoms.

5. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 1, characterised in that wherein R³ and R⁴ are chosen independently from each other as being the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, an optionally substituted amino group, an acyl group, or and a group E, OE or SE, in which E may be a is selected from the group consisting of

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alkyl, a cycloalkyl, a phenyl or and a heterocyclyl group, each of which may optionally be substituted.

6. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 5, characterised in that wherein R³ and R⁴ are chosen independently selected from each other as being the group consisting of a halogen atom, a nitro group or and a halogenoalkyl group.

7. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 6, characterised in that wherein the halogen atom is a chlorine atom and the halogenoalkyl group is a trifluoromethyl group.

8. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 1, characterised in that wherein p and q are chosen independently from each other as being 1 or 2.

9. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 8, characterised in that wherein p is 2.

10. (Currently Amended) A The composition according to of claim 8, characterised in that wherein q is 2.

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11. (Currently Amended) ~~A The composition according to of claim 1, characterised in that~~
~~wherein~~ the compound of general formula (I) is chosen as being a compound (Ia) which is
~~selected from the group consisting of~~ 2, 6-dichloro-N-~~{~~[3-chloro-5- (trifluoromethyl)-2-
~~pyridinyl] methyl}~~ benzamide; or a compound (Ib) which is N-~~{~~[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-
~~pyridinyl]methyl}~~-2- fluoro-6-nitrobenzamide ; or a compound (Ic) which is ~~and~~ N-~~{~~[3-chloro-5-
~~(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}~~-2- methyl-6-nitrobenzamide.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A The composition according to of claim 1, characterised in that~~
~~wherein~~ the compound (1)/chlorothalonil weight ratio is from 0.015 to less than 0.1.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A The composition according to of claim 1, characterised in that~~
~~wherein~~ the compound (1)/chlorothalonil weight ratio is from a lower limit greater than 0.1 up to
an upper limit of 0.2.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A The composition according to of claim 13, characterised in that~~
~~wherein~~ the compound (I)/chlorothalonil weight ratio is from 0.12 to 0.2.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A The composition according to of claim 1, characterised in that it~~
~~further comprises an comprising a member selected from the group consisting of an agriculturally~~
~~acceptable support, a carrier, a filler, and a and/or surfactant.~~

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16. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~preventively or curatively~~ combating and controlling phytopathogenic fungi of crops, ~~characterised in that~~ comprising applying an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to claim 1 ~~is applied~~ to the seed, the plant and/or to the fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to grow.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method ~~according to~~ of claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of potato, vegetables, and or lawn.

18. (New) A method for combating and controlling phytopathogenic fungi of crops, comprising applying an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to claim 11 to the seed, the plant and/or to the fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to grow.

19. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein the compound of general formula (I) is 2, 6-dichloro-N-{[3-chloro-5- (trifluoromethyl)-2- pyridinyl] methyl} benzamide.

20. (New) The composition of claim 11 wherein the compound of general formula (I) is 2, 6-dichloro-N-{[3-chloro-5- (trifluoromethyl)-2- pyridinyl] methyl} benzamide.